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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, WHD

SUBJECT : Request for Technical Counter-Sabotage Guidance
by the [] Government.

1. Several weeks ago Ambassador Willauer received a request from the Chief of the [] Air Force for the services of an Air Force technical specialist to assist the [] Air Force in combatting sabotage problems. The matter was referred to the Air Force and it was determined that under the existing treaty the United States Government was not authorized to offer the services of a person with such capabilities to the [] government.

2. A preliminary examination of WHD assets revealed that the Division does not have a person with the qualifications available for the assignment. In view of this, the [] request was not given further attention.

3. It has become apparent in recent high-level meetings with the Department of State that Project PBSUCCESS may be cancelled, or, more probably, brought in consonance with current State Department thinking. This revision may have a rather positive impact upon our relations with []

If we pull out of the paramilitary effort suddenly, and it now appears that we might do just that, it would be well to have something to offer the [] government to indicate at least that we are []

4. The thought occurred to me that the Director of Training might be interested in making a senior member of his specialized sabotage training staff a [] available for a period of from four to six weeks to go to [] under an appropriate cover and provide technical assistance and guidance which they have requested.

5. Admittedly there are many details to be worked out prior to implementation of the proposal suggested in paragraph four. Those proposals which first come to mind are:

a. Determination as to the availability of a qualified individual of the caliber of []

b. Selection of a cover facility for the technician.

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c. Determination and resolution of any special problems relating to the other services which might arise.

6. If the foregoing proposal is considered to have any merit in view of the extremely precarious position PBSUCCESS finds itself at this moment, the desk will be very happy to institute action with Director of Training and any other interested persons. It is the writer's opinion that a demonstration of good will and support such as the foregoing might be extremely palatable to [] particularly if decision at high level results in the cancellation of PBSUCCESS.

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